

Kentucky, 1861

Game Session 5



MASSACHUSETTS MILITIA PASSING THROUGH BALTIMORE.

Street battles between a Massachusetts militia regiment and secessionist sympathizers left 17 dead
Baltimore, Maryland, April 19, 1861 (one week after Ft. Sumter)

Class Announcements

- Next Tuesday is the last day of the game.
- If you have NOT given a speech by the end of today, you MUST give one on Tuesday.

Announcements

Rumors abound that slaves are beginning to rise up against their owners in Texas.

Fort Sumter, a federal installation in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, has fallen after being bombarded by South Carolina troops.

The U.S. Navy has imposed a blockade on the CSA (this includes New Orleans, a major outlet for Kentucky's trade).

Lincoln has called for 75,000 volunteers (including four regiments from Kentucky) for the purpose of putting down the insurrection in the South.

Davis has called for one regiment from Kentucky for immediate dispatch to Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

In Baltimore, pro-CSA civilians clash with a Massachusetts militia regiment (traveling through the city to defend Washington, D.C.) leaving 5 militia members and 12 civilians dead.

Militia Orders

- Kentucky State Guard
 - Recruits more soldiers
 - Receives the arms in the state arsenal
 - Strength goes from 5 to 9
- Lexington Rifles recruits more soldiers (strength goes from 1 to 2).

Mandatory Questions

Should Kentucky provide four volunteer regiments for federal service as requested by Lincoln? (4 KSG strength points)

Should Kentucky provide one volunteer regiment for confederate service as requested by Davis? (1 KSG strength points)

Should Kentucky allow troops from either section to move across Kentucky?

Note: Unlike the Crittenden Amendments, it's up to you what you do here, and you may answer these questions in any way you would like.

Act to Provide Troops for Federal Service

Kentucky shall provide to the United States of America four regiments of troops from the Kentucky State Guard so long as the troops remain in Kentucky to defend Kentucky.

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Act to Provide Troops for Confederate Service

Kentucky shall provide to the Confederate States of America one regiment of troops from the Kentucky State Guard.

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Act to Allow Troops to Cross Kentucky

Kentucky shall allow troops from both the USA and CSA to cross its territory.

An Act for The Defense of the Jackson Purchase- Introduced

Funds will be appropriated from the state treasury for the purpose of erecting suitable defensive works along the Mississippi River within the Jackson Purchase.

The Inspector General shall appoint commissioners to oversee the expenditure of said funds and the construction of said works.

The commissioners shall employ only laborers of good moral character. The Commissioners shall ensure that the peace and good order of the surrounding neighborhoods are not disturbed by anti-protestant or abolitionist sentiments. The use of the labor of enslaved people is authorized.

This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Kentucky State Guard Defense Act - Introduced

In order to increase Kentucky's defenses, a tax increase will raise funds that will grow and maintain a stronger Kentucky State Guard

Resolution Calling for a Sovereignty Convention - Introduced

Kentucky will hold a convention to discuss Kentucky's relationship to the Union, along with other matters concerning Kentucky's sovereignty as a state

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Secession defeated 8-12

Corner Stone Bill of Kentucky - Introduced

This bill is set to close access from the North and South to prevent invasion and Kentucky from becoming a frontline in a time of war. This will suspend the operation of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which stretches across the state and connects the North and South. This bill also suspends riverboat operations, which are a liability in the transportation of people in Kentucky at this time, and closing will prevent the aid of either side. Such ports should still be defended by the State Guard to secure Kentucky.

Loyalty Resolution - Introduced

The legislature affirms Kentucky's loyalty to the Union and rejects measures that would sever us from the Constitution.

Upper South Secession

- After Ft. Sumter, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Virginia secede.
- Tennessee plans to reconsider secession in June (after having previously rejected it).
- Maryland and Missouri have not seceded but are not cooperating with the federal war effort.
- Counties in western Virginia plan to meet in June to discuss forming a new unionist state.